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In re Application of: Donald J. Merkley et al.

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Examiner: Mark Halpern

For: Method and Apparatus for Reducing Impurities in

Cellulose Fibers for Manufacture of Fiber Reinforced Cement Composite Materials

Via EFS Web Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form, as indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner then return to the undersigned a copy of the initialed and completed form that indicates the enclosed document has been considered in their entirety.

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